

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected as anticipated by English et al., US 4,682,065. Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected as unpatentable over English et al. in view of Matsumoto, US 6,278,207. Claim 12 has been rejected as unpatentable over English et al. in view of Matsumoto and Hayashibara et al., US 4,428,719. Claims 13, 14, and 17-21 have been rejected as unpatentable over English et al. in view of Sunaga et al., US 6,297,572. Claims 15 and 16 have been rejected as unpatentable over English et al. in view of Sunaga et al. and Ineson et al., US 5,334,897.

Claims 1-21 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 22-41 have been added.

Claim 22 recites the features of canceled claims 1, 2, 9, and 10, and recites that the housing (10) is assembled of two separate and distinct housing parts (12, 14) (Specification, page 3, lines 8-15) and a circumferential edge (Fig. 4) of the rotor (30) extends into the cylindrical depression (20) of the upper housing part (12). The art of record does not disclose a drive unit with a circumferential edge of a rotor extending into a generally cylindrical depression of a housing part and the other claimed features. Claim 22, as well as claims 23 - 35 which depend from claim 22, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 36 recites the features of canceled claims 1, 3, and 21, and, recites that the housing has air inlet openings for cooling of electronic components of the electronic actuation system and for cooling components of the electric motor, and that the rotor has air outlet openings on an end face of the rotor remote from the air inlet openings of the housing. The Office Action does not specifically point out what, in Sunaga et al., is intended to be the outlet openings. There is no disclosure in the written text of Sunaga et al. of such openings. Claim 36, as well as claims 37-41 which depend from claim 36, are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner maintains the rejection of claim 36 (canceled claim 21), it is respectfully requested that he specify where in the references each claimed feature is disclosed. In such a case, it is also requested that the Examiner issue a non-final Office Action in response to this Amendment so that Applicant's representative may properly respond to this rejection.

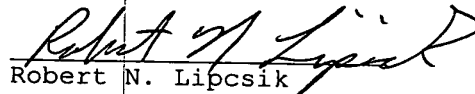
In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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